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My dear

August 6th 1858.

My dear Anne

Your letter was quite a relief,
as Florida mentioned you were not well when
she wrote, perhaps you do not take sufficient
exercise, you ought to walk, and ride after,
and it will be of service to Cornelia, while teething.
I have not been well myself, lately, in fact since
dear Patrick's death, I cannot erase him from
my mind, I miss him more every day. I try to
reason with myself thus, his life was an exposed
one, in every respect, and he might have been
killed by the brown ones, how much better that
he died with me, having every comfort, and
surrounded with relations, and friends, but
notwithstanding, I have constantly deep
sighs, and feel as though I had a rope tight
drawn around my waist, they badly
at night, have but little appetite, and feel

as though I never would be well again.
My eyes have given me much trouble, occasionally
darting pains through them, which prevent my
reading or sewing much. When Willy, and
Kate, come up to Williamson Springs I will try
and join them a few days. The chills is so much
reduced they think it will benefit it, after staying
there a few days, they will come up to me.
Mr. Rion, is on a visit to me, wishing a situation
in Padleton, but I have advised him to go to the
Williamston Springs, as they are anxious to
get just such a person as she is. James
does not wish her to return to California,
but she wishes to go back, as she can afford
her for better than, as she was getting fifty
dollars a month, and her passage paid home.
Every fifty dollars she made, was put into
your brother James's hands. She says as one
but himself should have her money. She
says he stands higher than any one in San
Francisco, and has made a fortune already.
She is giving every one the California fever.

She has been making preserves & pickles
for me, I am determined to get all out of
her I can. Mr Pike goes home tomorrow,
to stay a few days, while she is here I will
miss her so much, she is so kind, and useful
to me. She desires her love and says she wishes
much to see you. I would like so much to have
Florida, with me, I think she would enjoy herself
here among so many girls of her age, who speak
so much about her, and would like to have her here.
Derwent Van Wyck, often comes to see me and says
she remembers her well, and I must give her
love to her, they are the same age. Kitty Cornish
says how much I would like to be acquainted
with Miss Florida, both of Mr Cornish's daughters,
are very fine girls, well brought up.
I wish you could see Mr Pike trotting about the
house. He is now cleaning all the furniture, with
equal proportions of Sweet Oil and Alcohol
rubbed well in with soft flannel cloth, and then
polished with soft linen rags, it makes the furniture
look like new. I wish you could taste some of her

Tomato preserves, they are perfectly delicious.

What has become of James? I hope he will be here soon.

It is quite cheerful to see the bars coming, coming
of full of passengers every other day.

Willys over sea, was up one day last week, he told
me my brother James was not well had a cold and
fever, I sent him word to come up and I would nurse
him. I hope they all, may not be detained by sickness,
as it is both hot, and dry there. It will be very expensive
for Willy, at the Springs, as he will have 4 servants,
himself, Kate, and Johanna. He has had nothing but
expence, since his first marriage. I fear it will
go hard with him. I know you are tired of my non-
sense, so I will quit, with love to all, and
kisses for the children.

your devoted Mother

Florida Calhoun.